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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants respectfully submit this communication to make of record certain documents cited in International Patent Application No. PCT/US2004/034893 (the '893 Application), to which the present application claims priority. Specifically, applicants submit herewith PTO Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the International Search Report ("ISR") for the '893 Application.

Applicants respectfully certify in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), this information disclosure statement is being filed by applicants before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the ISR for the '893 Application satisfies the requirement to provide a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents cited in that ISR. See, e.g., MPEP §609(III)(A)(3) and 37 CFR § 1.98 (a)(3)(i).

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this submission, or credit any overpayment in connection therewith, to Deposit Account No. 02-1666.

Any questions concerning this application or amendment may be directed to the undersigned agent of applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

- ☒ PTO-1449
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